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INCREASE IN DUTY FREE ALLOWANCES FOR INTRA-COMMUNITY TRAVELLERS

The Commission, on an initiative of Mr. Burke, has decided to forward to the Council a proposal to increase the allowances granted to travellers in intra-Community travel from 180 eua to 210 eua, for persons of 15 years of age and over. It is also proposing increases from 50 eua to 60 eua for travellers under 15 years of age.

In making this proposal, the Commission is conscious that there has been a fall in the real value of the allowances over the past year and is also mindful of its policy for the progressive extension of tax free concessions. The current increases take account of the necessary adjustments arising from inflation, currency fluctuations and the need for a real increase in the value of the allowances.

Under the existing legislation, Denmark and Ireland have a derogation to exclude from tax exemption goods whose unit value is in excess of 135 eua and 77 eua respectively. Taking account of inflation, exchange rate movements and fiscal developments in neighbouring Member States, the Commission has decided to propose increases in these figures to 160 eua and 100 eua respectively.

The new provisions are to apply from 1 January 1980.

The allowances in respect of spirits, tobacco, wine, perfume etc. remain unchanged.

	I <i>Travel between third countries and the Community</i>	II <i>Travel between Member States</i>
(a) tobacco products:		
cigarettes	200	300
or		
cigarillos (cigars of a maximum weight of 3 grammes each)	100	150
or		
cigars	50	75
or		
smoking tobacco	250 g	400 g
(b) alcoholic beverages		
— distilled beverages and spirits of an alcoholic strength exceeding 22°	1 standard bottle (0.70 to 1 litre)	to a total of 1.5 litres
or		
distilled beverages and spirits, and aperitifs with a wine or alcohol base of an alcoholic strength not ex- ceeding 22°; sparkling wines, forti- fied wines	to a total of 2 litres	to a total of 3 litres
and		
— still wines	to a total of 2 litres	to a total of 4 litres
(c) perfumes and toilet waters	50 g 1/4 litre	75 g 3/4 litre
(d) coffee	500 g	750 g
or		
coffee extracts and essences	200 g	300 g
(e) tea	100 g	150 g
or		
tea extracts and essences	40 g	60 g

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Bruxelles, novembre 1979

**Augmentation des franchises fiscales accordées aux voyageurs
intracommunautaires**

A l'initiative de M. Burke, la Commission a décidé de soumettre au Conseil une proposition visant à porter de 180 UCE à 210 UCE la franchise fiscale intracommunautaire accordée aux voyageurs âgés de 15 ans ou plus. Elle propose également de porter cette franchise de 50 UCE à 60 UCE pour les voyageurs de moins de 15 ans.

En présentant cette proposition, la Commission tient compte de la réduction en valeur réelle des franchises au cours de l'année écoulée et reste également attentive à sa politique d'élargissement progressif des franchises. Les présentes augmentations tiennent compte des ajustements rendus nécessaires par l'inflation et les fluctuations monétaires, ainsi que de la nécessité d'une réelle augmentation de la valeur des franchises.

La législation actuelle accorde au Danemark et à l'Irlande des dérogations leur permettant d'exclure de la franchise les marchandises dont la valeur unitaire est respectivement supérieure à 135 UCE et à 77 UCE.

Eu égard à l'inflation, aux fluctuations de change et à l'évolution de la fiscalité dans les pays membres voisins, la Commission a décidé de proposer que ces chiffres soient portés respectivement à 160 UCE et 100 UCE.

Les nouvelles dispositions seraient applicables à partir du 1er janvier 1980.

Les dérogations portant sur l'alcool, le tabac, le vins, les parfums etc., restent inchangées

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